

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Previously Presented) A cleaning sheet, which comprises an air-laid non-woven fabric having 10 to 90% by weight of thick thermoplastic fibers having a fiber length of 2 to 15 mm and a fineness of 10 to 150 dtex, 1 to 50% by weight of thin thermoplastic fibers having a fiber length of 2 to 15 mm and a fineness of 0.5 to 5 dtex and 10 to 90% by weight of cellulosic fibers, said air-laid non-woven fabric having a number of tips of said thick thermoplastic fibers forming the non-woven fabric exposed on the surface of said cleaning sheet to have capability of scouring or scraping dirt off of a soiled surface, wherein said number of tips of said thick thermoplastic fibers is 20-4000/cm², having intersections of said thick thermoplastic fibers together with intersections of said thick thermoplastic fibers and said thin thermoplastic fibers, said intersections of said thick fibers and said intersections of said thick and thin fibers being bonded by fusion or with a binder.

2. (Original) The cleaning sheet according to claim 1, which is impregnated with an aqueous detergent .

3. (Previously Presented) The cleaning sheet according to claim 1 or 2, wherein said sheet is an air-laid web comprising said thermoplastic fibers and said cellulosic fibers, which cellulose fibers have a fiber length of 0.1 to 15 mm.

4. (Original) The cleaning sheet according to claim 3, which comprises 30 to 90% by weight of said thermoplastic fibers and 10 to 70% by weight of said cellulosic fibers, and has a basis weight of 40 to 300 g/m².

5. (Previously Presented) The cleaning sheet according to claim 1 or 2, which comprises a sheet and at least one air-laid nonwoven fabric which is provided on at least one side of said sheet,

said sheet and said air-laid nonwoven fabric being laminated together into one body,

said sheet containing 30 to 100% by weight of said cellulosic fibers and having a basis weight of 30 to 200 g/m²,

said air-laid nonwoven fabric containing 30 to 100% by weight of said thermoplastic fibers and having a basis weight of 30 to 200 g/m² with a large number of the tips of said thermoplastic fibers being exposed on the surface of said air-laid nonwoven fabric.

6. (Previously Presented) The cleaning sheet according to claim 5, which is obtained by forming an air-laid web comprising said cellulosic fibers that have a fiber length of 0.1 to 15 mm and bonding the fibers constituting said web at their intersections by fusion or with a binder to prepare said sheet,

separately forming an air-laid web comprising said thermoplastic fibers and bonding the fibers constituting said web at their intersections by fusion or with a binder to prepare said air-laid nonwoven fabric, and

bonding said air-laid nonwoven fabric to at least one side of said sheet.

7. (Original) The cleaning sheet according to claim 5, which is obtained by superposing an air-laid web comprising said thermoplastic fibers on at least one side of an air-laid web comprising said cellulosic fibers that have a fiber length of 0.1 to 15 mm and

bonding the fibers constituting each of said webs among themselves at their intersections and also bonding said webs to each other by fusion or with a binder.

8. (Previously Presented) The cleaning sheet according to claim 1 or 2, which has been embossed.

9. (Previously Presented) The cleaning sheet according to claim 1 or 2, wherein said thermoplastic fibers comprise a low-melting resin and a high-melting resin, said low-melting resin forming at least a part of the fiber surface.

10. (Original) The cleaning sheet according to claim 1, wherein said thermoplastic fibers are crimped fibers.

11. (Original) The cleaning sheet according to claim 2, wherein said aqueous detergent contains an electrolyte.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Previously Presented) A cleaning sheet, comprising:

a first layer comprising a non-woven fabric having 10 to 90% by weight of thick thermoplastic fibers, said thick thermoplastic fibers having a fiber length of 2 to 15 mm and a fineness of 10 to 150 dtex, 1 to 50% by weight of thin thermoplastic fibers having a fiber length of 2 to 15 mm and a fineness of 0.5 to 5 dtex and said non-woven fabric having a number of tips of said thick thermoplastic fibers forming the non-woven fabric exposed on the surface of said cleaning sheet in the range of 20 to 4000/cm²; and

a second layer comprising 30 to 100 % by weight of cellulosic fibers,

wherein said thick thermoplastic fibers are bonded at intersections thereof.

14. (Previously Presented) The cleaning sheet according to claim 1 or 13, wherein the number of tips of said thick thermoplastic fibers is 50 to 2000/cm².

15. (Previously Presented) The cleaning sheet according to claim 1 or 13, wherein the number of tips of said thick thermoplastic fibers is 100 to 1000/cm².

16-17. (Cancelled)

18. (Previously Presented) The cleaning sheet according to claim 1 or 13, wherein said thin thermoplastic fibers having have a fineness of 0.5 to 3 dtex.

19. (Previously Presented) The cleaning sheet according to claim 13, wherein said second layer is impregnated with an aqueous detergent

20. (Previously Presented) The cleaning sheet according to claim 19, wherein said aqueous detergent contains an electrolyte.

21. (Previously Presented) The cleaning sheet according to claim 13, wherein said second layer comprises 50 to 100% by weight of cellulosic fibers.

22. (Previously Presented) The cleaning sheet according to claim 13, wherein said cellulosic fiber is selected from the group consisting of wood pulp fiber, flax fiber, cotton fiber, and regenerated fibers.

23. (Previously Presented) The cleaning sheet according to claim 22, wherein said regenerated fiber comprises rayon.